

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 15

We are rejoining the Children of Israel on their journey through the wilderness towards the Promised Land. God had provided the pillar of cloud and fire to guide them and daily food and water.

1) How much do you think God cared for His people?

2) How should the people have felt about God's kindness to them?



They were now at Sinai. Moses had gone up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments from God. The people were left waiting.

Look at Exodus 32.

3) What did the people ask Aaron to do? (v1)

4) Did Aaron listen to them? (v2-4)

5) What do you feel about this?

6) How did the Lord feel about this unfaithfulness to Him? (v7-10)



When the Lord sees us making other 'gods' for ourselves instead of Him, He feels just the same.



7) What other 'gods' might you have? Think of things that take up all your time, or thoughts. They could be anything that comes before God in your life:

Moses prayed on behalf of the people that God would spare them, and He listened. **Read verse 14.**

8) When Moses reached the foot of the mountain, describe what he felt and did (v19-20)

9) What do you think of Aaron's poor excuse? (v22-24)

Our Sin

What the Israelites had done was a gross sin against the kind Lord God. But we have acted in just the same way! What has God given us? EFIL ODOF ILFMAY MEOH
Can you think of more things?

*By putting other things first in our life, we turn our backs on the God Who made us, and worship idols. We can even make an idol of ourselves so we become selfish (what's good for me?), and unthankful. That's quite **ugly**, isn't it! The Bible tell us what we deserve if we live like this. Look up Romans 6 v 23:
That is an eternal death, which we can never escape from. Think how dreadful that is! Sin is very **costly**.*



What might you be putting before God in your life?

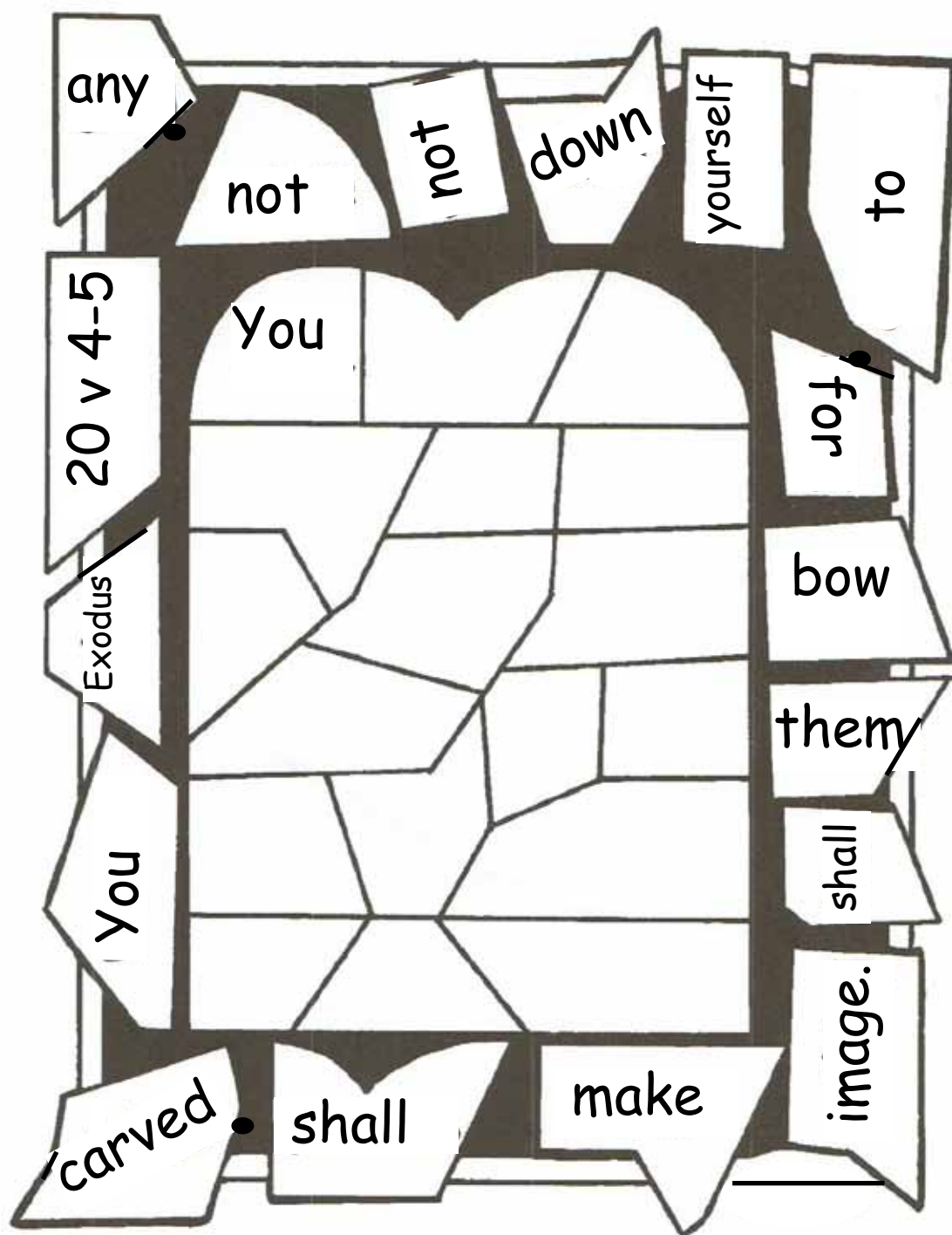
We have all sinned, so deserve to be blotted out of God's book of life. What can be done? Who did God send in mercy and kindness to us, to bear away the punishment for our sin?

Have you turned to Him for forgiveness? Don't leave it too late!



THE GOLDEN CALF

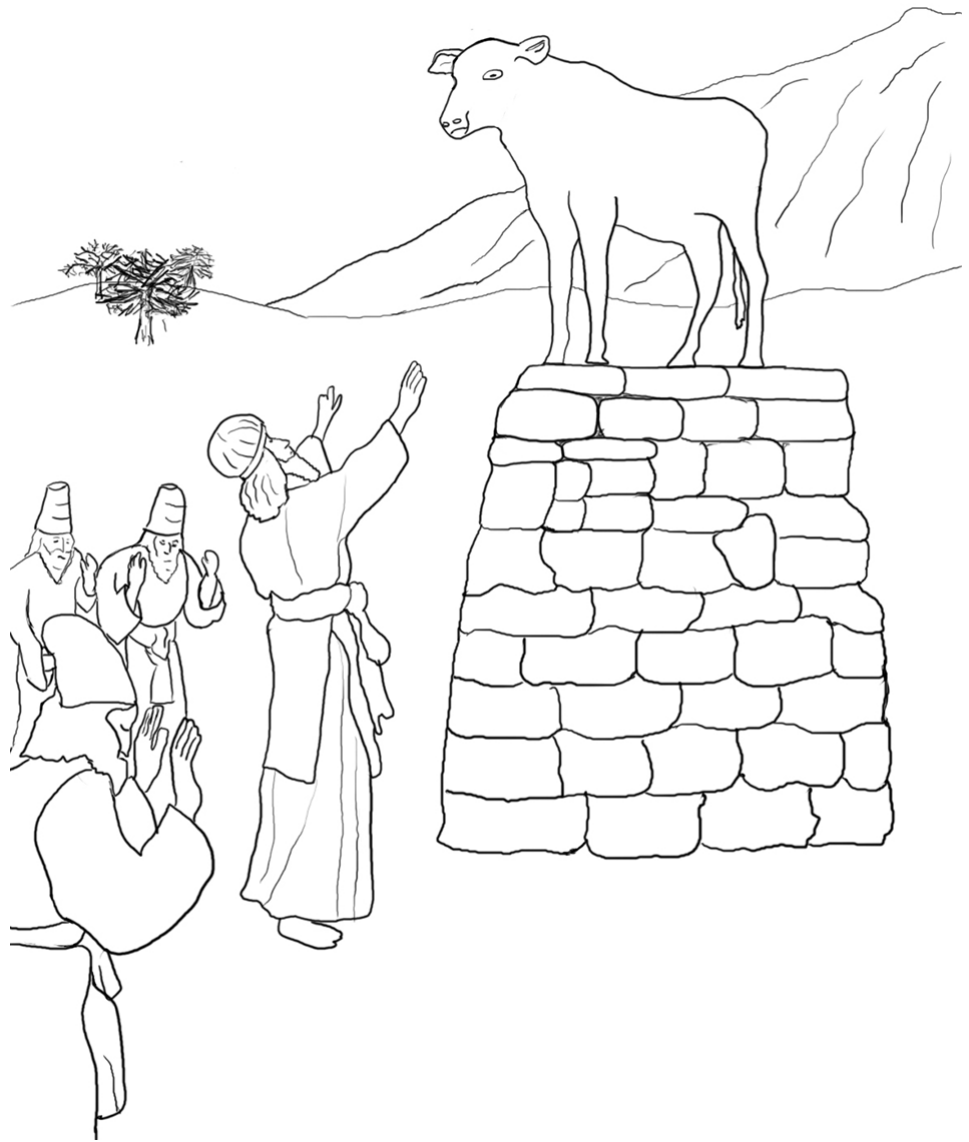
Look round the outside of this puzzle. Match the shapes to the ones on the tablet in the middle. Write the correct word on the tablet from each matching shape. If you need help, look in the Bible at Exodus 20, the first part of verse 4 and of verse 5.



A verse to memorise:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6 v 23

For younger ones



Read Exodus 32 v 1-14

Moses was up a mountain talking to God. The people were getting bored waiting for him. They asked Aaron to make an idol for them. Aaron took their gold and made a golden calf.

The people danced and worshipped the idol. They had a feast. God saw what they were doing and was very angry. We should only worship the Lord God Who made us. An idol is anything which we think more of than God.

Moses came down the mountain and destroyed the calf. He told the people they had been very bad. Moses prayed for the people to be forgiven.

We have all done things wrong. We all need to be forgiven for our sins. God sent His Son, Jesus, to come to earth to take away the punishment for sin. He had to die to do that. But if we ask Him, and trust in Jesus, He will forgive our sins. How kind God is! Do you trust in Jesus?